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## SONG.

BY TOM O'BRIEN, JR. MOBILE.  
Sparkling over the earth's surface,  
For the flood's brief force,  
Watering the desert lands,  
Flows the torrent's course.  
In the garden, everywhere,  
In oases beautiful and sweet,  
Gardens wonderful and rare,  
Our charmed vision, smiling, greet.  
But the torrent soon runs dry,  
And parched desert vainly seeks  
Pity from the rainless sky,  
Or the cloud veiled, snow-crowned peaks.  
Blooming in the fragrant bud,  
Vibrant in the flower's glow,  
But their leaves the wind will shake,  
And their rare perfume exhale.  
Then, remember, friend of mine,  
Lessons learned from flowers and dream,  
For this beauty that is thine  
May soon vanish like a dream.  
Thus I sang in apostle youth,  
Sung to old Apollo and to thee,  
Darling friend! thy heart's dear truth  
Makes you lovelier each year.  
CHICAGO, Ill.

## LULU'S THANKSGIVING.

BY LIZZIE MEADE.

No, never by me will this trust be betrayed,  
And a countless thrill make this my own prayer  
maid.

Bright, beautiful Lulu Gardner sang  
gayly, "No, never," etc., as she bounded  
down the steps of her father's stately  
mansion, in the most fashionable neigh-  
borhood of Gotham, and, after a race  
down the wide hall with her canine pet,  
"Sparkle," waited her way to the  
breakfast-room, where the rest of the  
family were assembled. Existence was  
in every way a reality to Lulu. She  
was the embodiment of youth in its full  
enjoyment of the present; keenly alive  
to every delight of sense, and reveling  
in life as a happy certainty of tangible  
bliss, quite distinct from the enthusi-  
astic visions of a dreamer. Young,  
scarcely 17, full of health and gaiety, rich,  
as she said, her wishes often out-  
ran her allowance, generous as it was—  
her young life had never known a shadow.  
As she paused at the door, exult-  
ing in the bright day and her own hap-  
piness, the pretty creature at her side  
raised himself on his hind feet and  
looked lovingly and intelligently into  
her face.

"Sparkle," she said, patting him on  
the head, "Sparkle, did you know this  
was the 29th of November, and that it  
is to be a day of Thanksgiving all over  
the United States? So be a good dog-  
gie, and you shall have a much better  
dinner than usual."

Sparkle winked his great yellow eyes  
and wagged his tail as though he thor-  
oughly understood the last clause at  
least, and his young mistress, with a  
bright laugh, entered the room.

"Good morning, papa. A happy day,  
Lulu, sister mine, and mamma, dearest,  
how is your head this morning? Bet-  
ter, I hope," stooping to kiss her invalid  
mother, to whom she carried the sun-  
shine of life.

"Whom were you speaking to in the  
hall, my daughter?"

"Only Sparkle, mamma; I was telling  
him it was Thanksgiving. Lulu," as  
she poured the fragrant coffee, which  
her mother's ill-health and her sister's  
indifference placed on her shoulders,  
"will you ride with me this morning?"

It is so beautiful, and I have three or  
four places to go. I do wish you would  
—just this once," coaxingly.

"Not I," returned the elder sister,  
not in the sweetest tones. "I expect  
company, and, besides, I don't care to  
spend the morning on one of your  
charity missions—tenement houses."

And she devoted her attention to her  
beetle and muffs, and congratulated  
herself that she was altogether free  
from the peculiarity which led her sis-  
ter on such errands, and among such  
people. Ah, well! once before, when  
the world was newer than it is now, one  
held up unholly hands, saying, "I thank  
Thee that I am not as other men."

Many said that Lulu Gardner was  
one of the handsomest women in New  
York, and Lulu herself was scarcely  
disposed to deny the fact. It had been  
forced upon her notice so often in the  
last few years that at last she took it for  
granted. Tall and of commanding figure,  
with clustering brown hair, eyes of  
the same color, and a complexion which  
was the envy of all her companions, she  
had easily taken her place in society as  
one of the most brilliant belles. And  
few looking into the soft dark eyes, and  
listening to the sweet winning voice,  
when she chose to fascinate, would have  
dreamed of the cold, calculating heart  
beneath.

"Papa," she said, as her father laid  
down his newspaper and prepared to  
leave the house, "am I to have that  
bracelet you almost promised me the  
other day? It is so lovely, and I want  
it very much." And the full witchery  
of the dark eyes was brought to bear  
on her indulgent father's face. He an-  
swered her at once:

"Certainly, daughter, I intended  
you to have it. Ninety dollars, I  
think you said was the price? Well,  
get it whenever you choose. And you,  
Lulu," turning affectionately toward  
her, "what about your long-talked-of  
bet of corn, little Daisy? Will you get  
it to-day?"

Lulu blushed and hesitated as she  
answered:

"No, sir, I have changed my mind.  
If you do not care, I would much  
rather have half the value in money."

"Money! Have you not unlimited  
credit, my child?" said her father, sur-  
prised.

"Yes, sir," stammered Lulu, "but I  
want the money for a plan of my  
own."

"Give it to her, dear," said her  
mother, looking at her flushed face; "I  
think I know what she means."

"Oh, doubtless," sneered Lulu, af-  
ter her father, handing Lulu a roll of  
bills, had left the room. "I suspect  
it's to buy hymn-books for the mis-  
sion school. What a little saint you  
are!"

"Now, mamma," said Lulu, brightly,  
three hours later, when she had made  
her mother comfortable for the morn-  
ing, and attended to the wants of her  
numerous pets, "may I have the car-  
riage to drive round to Mrs. Mur-  
phy's? Her husband was no better  
when I was there the other day, and  
she was so proud of the basket I took  
her."

"Yes, dear, and while you are there  
go in to see little Annie Reeves, and  
leave her some wine and jelly. She is  
sinking, Martha tells me. By the way,  
my child, Martha will help you with  
your basket, and be sure you take Mrs.  
Murphy's turkey."

"Yes, mamma, and suppose you let  
Sparkle come in to keep you company.  
Lulu is in the parlor, and I fear you  
will be lonely. She is gotten up in her  
best to go, so I suppose she is looking  
for Charlie Mason." A half-suppressed  
sigh struggled up to the rosy lips as  
she made the last remark, but she  
bravely repressed it, and as she wended  
her way to the dining-room she whis-  
pered, "How could he ever care for me  
when Lulu was about? She is so beauti-  
ful. Well, it's best as it is. Mamma  
could not possibly spare me." And in  
a few moments she was her own bright,  
winsome self again.

As she passed down the hall on her  
way to the carriage, Martha following  
with the well-filled hamper, the parlor  
door opened, and her sister looked  
sharply out.

"Lulu, are you going to that Mrs.  
Murphy's again?"

"Yes, why?" said Lulu.

"I see no use in your running there  
again; the next thing you will be bring-  
ing home the small pox, or something  
from some of those low places," she  
said. Then, as the street door closed  
behind Lulu, "Vexation, if Charlie  
Mason should happen to see her on her  
way there my prospects would be over."

He looked so tenderly at me last night  
when he said, 'I heard some of the  
poor people at Tenement row invoking  
blessings on your head, Miss Gardner.  
I went down there on business for  
father, and accidentally found an old  
nurse whom I lost sight of five years  
ago. She was desolate, and says but  
for your husband would have starved  
during his sickness.' He thinks it was  
I. Ha, ha! Well, I did not think the  
trouble to undo me. He said

trembled when he said, 'God would  
bless me for my kindness to the poor.'  
Strange that I care for him, but I do  
and I must win him. Surely he will  
speak to day. He said he would come  
this morning. And the beauty waited  
impatiently.

"Let me see," said Lulu, as she sat  
down in the carriage, "let me see—  
the \$40 papa gave me—dear good papa  
will run a warm shawl for Mrs. Mur-  
phy, shoes for the boys, and flannel for  
the baby. And then I will have enough  
left to get her the barrel of flour and  
some coal. How happy it will make  
them, and how much better than buy-  
ing the corals." And Lulu's bright  
eyes sparkled in anticipation of the  
pleasure she was to bestow, as she  
stopped at a store to make her pur-  
chases.

A half hour later, much to John's  
disgust, the prancing horses stopped be-  
fore a miserable old house in Tene-  
ment row, and his young mistress went  
in, loaded down with packages.

"God bless the young lady," said the  
poor Irish woman, the tears in her eyes  
as she opened the door and saw who it  
was. "Come in, come in, it's welcome  
you are, indeed! Did I not tell you  
was a mother Charles, how like an angel  
she was to me and mine?" turning to  
a young man seated by her husband's  
bedside, who now arose and came for-  
ward, showing the handsome face of  
Charlie Mason, but looking hopelessly  
confused and surprised when he saw  
that it was Lulu Gardner, and not Lida,  
that the Murphy family almost wor-  
shipped as their guardian angel.

"I did not understand you, I  
thought you meant—but no matter,"  
said the young man, recovering himself  
his eyes, however, resting on Lulu with  
a look which made her blush and  
tremble in spite of herself.

"I brought you a few little presents;  
Mrs. Murphy," Lulu said, hurriedly.  
"And there is a basket in the carriage  
mamma sent. You will please send the  
smaller hamper in to Annie Reeves,  
with mamma's love." And Lulu de-  
posited her bundles on the table, and  
bidding them a hasty good-by, made  
her escape into the street as quickly as  
possible, followed by the thanks and  
blessings of Mrs. Murphy, as long as  
she was in sight.

Gret was the surprise of the fashiona-  
ble world of Gotham, and greater still  
the consternation of Miss Gardner,  
when Charlie Mason, the best catch of  
the season, commenced paying devoted  
attention to her younger sister. And  
when some months later he sought her  
hand in marriage from her father the  
old man's voice trembled as he gave the  
consent, which separated him from the  
sunshine of his home, the blessing of  
his life.

"Take her," he said, "and may God  
deal with you as you see fit."

"Amen," said the young man, earn-  
estly; "I ask no more."

## HISTORICAL.

### THEMOPYLIS.

Warfare has a way of thrusting great-  
ness upon places that otherwise would  
never be known. Without the slaugh-  
ter of Leonidas' Spartan band, Ther-  
mopylae would have remained an ordi-  
nary mountain pass, of whose existence  
the world at large would have forever  
remained in total ignorance.

Thermopylae is a narrow defile be-  
tween Thessaly and Locris, and, in  
ancient times, was the only passage for  
an enemy from Northern into Central  
Greece, situated between Mt. Eta and  
an inaccessible morass forming the  
edge of the Maline gulf, and containing  
several hot springs. There was a road  
wide enough only for a single wheel-  
track, which formed the western gate.  
About a mile to the eastward Mt.  
Eta again approached the sea, in a  
similar manner, and the passage  
there formed the eastern gate. The  
space between these two gates was  
wider, and many years before Leonidas  
occupied the pass the Phoenicians had  
so conducted the warm springs over  
the ground as to render the pass im-  
practicable. They had also built a wall  
near the western gate to prevent the  
incursions of the Thessalians, which  
was in ruins when the Spartans came.

It was in the year 480 B. C. that the  
Spartan King Leonidas made his elab-  
orate defense of Thermopylae against  
the mammoth Persian army of Xerxes.  
Leonidas' forces numbered about  
7,000; but when, during the battle, he  
learned that one Ephialtes, a Thessa-  
lian, had betrayed to the Persians a  
circuitous path over the mountains  
leading to their rear, he dismissed all but  
his chosen band of 300 Spartans, with a  
number of helots, about 700 Thespians  
who volunteered to share his fate, and  
about 400 Thebans—about 1,500.

This small host sallied out and fought  
till Leonidas, and all the Spartans  
and Thespians were killed, not a soul  
being left to tell the story of the  
slaughter. The fate of the Thebans  
is uncertain; according to some his-  
torians they surrendered to the Per-  
sians. One Spartan, Aristodemus, was  
prevented by illness from taking  
part in the combat, returned home, and  
was received with scorn, but in the fol-  
lowing year retrieved his honor by a  
heroic death at Plataea.

Many other battles took place at  
Thermopylae in later times. The pass  
is now of little importance as a strategic  
point. Nature has widened it into a  
swampy plain from the alluvial deposit  
of the Sperchius and the retreat of the  
Malian gulf. At the south end of the  
pass is a mound, supposed to be that to  
which the Spartans finally retreated,  
and on which they were slain. In a  
small plain is the Polyandrium, one of  
the sepulchral monuments of the  
Greeks who fell at Thermopylae.

### SMOKING IN THE DARK.

The question has been asked, says the  
London Lancet, why a man smoking a  
pipe should not be aware, when the  
candle is put out, whether the tobacco  
is still burning. There is, first, the point  
of fact. It may be questioned if any-  
one really finds himself in the difficulty  
supposed. We believe, under certain  
conditions, the doubt may exist. Smok-  
ers are not always large consumers of  
the weed. They often form a habit of  
taking very little smoke into the mouth,  
and of breathing chiefly through the  
nose. The consequence is that the  
"pleasure" of smoking may consist in  
having something to do, and the sensa-  
tion of doing that something is quite as  
likely to be a matter of seeing as of  
tasting. In cases of this class the  
smoker, being deprived of his accustom-  
ed evidence or means of enjoyment,  
may be distressed. Of course, it is not  
alleged that a man cannot ascertain  
whether the contents of his pipe are  
lighted, when he happens to be in the  
dark. That would be sheer folly.  
Meanwhile the experiment, if such it  
can be called, is well calculated to draw  
attention to the economic question how  
far the pleasure of smoking is generally  
imaginary. If it be, a suitable substitute  
for the expensive cigar and wasteful  
pipe material, of proper consistency, molded  
into the approved shape. It has long  
been a mystery to some smokers how  
other smokers could systematically  
smoke bad cigars; the mystery may be  
dispelled if it should turn out that the  
fumes of the tobacco consumed are not  
even inhaled.

### IN HIS WIFE'S NAME.

A middle-aged man, with a black eye  
and skinned nose, found his way into  
Justice alley, yesterday, and asked for  
warrant for the arrest of a man who had  
pummelled him. His Honor made some  
inquiries and wrote out the warrant,  
and, when the witness had sworn to it,  
he asked:

"Now, as I understand this thing, the  
constable will arrest this fuddled de-  
fendant?"

"Yes, sir."

"And the case will be tried?"

"Doubtless."

"And the jury will give me a ver-  
dict?"

"That remains to be seen."

"Well, what I was going to say was  
this: In case I do get a verdict I'd like  
to have them give it in my wife's name,  
as I'm somewhat in debt, and don't  
want to be garbled."—Detroit Free  
Press.

## GEN. GRANT.

### An enthusiastic reception in Chicago.

The reception of Gen. Grant by the citizens  
of Chicago, to which many days of preparation  
had been devoted, was everything that the most  
devoted admirer of the ex-President could  
have dreamed or asked for. The people of the  
city turned out by the hundreds of thousands,  
and were reinforced by hundreds of  
thousands from abroad, so that there was  
no lacking in numbers. Of enthusiasm  
there was also an abundance, and the  
procession was the largest, and the most  
glorious up effort of the kind perhaps ever  
witnessed in the West. From the Chicago  
papers we condense the following account of  
the reception:

The train bearing the distinguished victor,  
which came over the Chicago, Burlington  
and Quincy road from Galena, arrived at Park  
road, on the lake front, at 1 o'clock p. m. The  
train began to pour down, but the thousands of  
people who thronged the Lake park and all  
the adjacent streets did not seem to heed it in  
the least, but pressed forward to get near  
as possible to Gen. Grant's carriage. In spite  
of the disagreeable weather, the decorations  
of the wagons—carrying flags and muskets, and  
the music of the bands—were all that could  
be desired. The train, presented a scene as beautiful  
and grand—Haste was made to get the huge  
procession in motion. The train pouring down  
in torrents made this a matter of great diffi-  
culty, but finally the column began to  
move down Michigan avenue, which was  
crowded with most spectators from one end to  
the other, as far as the line of march extended.  
By-and-by the sky cleared, the sun came out  
and made everything infinitely brighter. The  
multitude, followed by all the veteran organi-  
zations, then came the civic societies with a  
large number of carriages, and finally the fire  
department, with thousands of vehicles of  
all descriptions, and all sorts of floats. The  
head of the column, had reached a long  
distance down town, before the wagons had  
fallen into line. The police had great  
difficulty in clearing the way. Grant  
was everywhere greeted with the most  
enthusiastic demonstrations. As the procession  
moved down toward Washington, State and Lake  
streets, the jam of human beings became  
so great that it was impossible to proceed.  
The head of the procession passed the corner  
of Washington street and Fifth avenue. The  
sky was now perfectly clear, and the streets  
along the route were lined with people.  
Every available inch of standing room  
on sidewalks and steps was occupied, and ev-  
erywhere the people were cheering and waving  
flags. The crowd in the neighborhood of the  
Palmer House, was the destination of visitors  
and the crowd of people was so great that it  
was impossible to proceed. From early morning  
until noon all sorts of floats, and floats  
were passing the scene. The crowd was so  
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